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Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims without prejudice, as follows and consider the subsequent remarks/arguments. No new matter has been added by the amendments. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method for enabling an e-commerce web site to manage user information for both site server users and regular web site users, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a site server comprising a membership directory component with directory information stored thereon including preferences, roles, and details identifying the users, wherein the details of the users include a user name and a legal name;

(b) providing a database separate from the membership directory component of the site server, the database having table information stored in a plurality of database tables, including preferences, roles, and details identifying the users, wherein the details of the users include a user name and a legal name, wherein the preferences include a currency in which monetary values are displayed and a language in which text is displayed, and wherein the roles relating to the users include a customer, a manager, and an employee;

(c) authenticating an identity of one of the users with an active server page, for determining whether the user is a site server user or a regular web site user;

(d) providing a single interface framework of components which provides user information access by both site server users and regular web site users upon authentication of the identity of the user;

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(e) allowing site server users to view and change the information identifying the user that is stored on the membership directory component of the site server; and

(f) allowing regular web site users to view and change the information identifying the user that is stored on the plurality of database tables in the database.

2. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the identity of the user is authenticated by at least one of verifying a user name and a password, a secure sockets layer (SSL) certificate, and a log-in form.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) A system for enabling an e-commerce web site to manage user information for both site server users and regular web site users, the system comprising:

(a) logic that provides a site server comprising a membership directory component with directory information stored thereon including preferences, roles, and details identifying the users, wherein the details of the users include a user name and a legal name;

(b) logic that provides a database separate from the membership directory component of the site server, the database having table information stored in a plurality of database tables, including preferences, roles, and details identifying the users, wherein the details of the users include a user name and a legal name, wherein the preferences include a currency in which monetary values are displayed and a language in which text is displayed, and wherein the roles relating to the users include a customer, a manager, and an employee;

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- (c) logic that authenticates an identity of one of the users with an active server page, for determining whether the user is a site server user or a regular web site user;
- (d) logic that provides a single interface framework of components which provides user information access by both site server users and regular web site users upon authentication of the identity of the user;
- (e) logic that allows site server users to view and change the information identifying the user that is stored on the membership directory component of the site server; and
- (f) logic that allows regular web site users to view and change the information identifying the user that is stored on the plurality of database tables in the database.

7. (Original) A system as recited in claim 6, wherein the identity of the user is authenticated by at least one of verifying a user name and a password, a secure sockets layer (SSL) certificate, and a log-in form.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) A computer program for enabling an e-commerce web site to manage user information for both site server users and regular web site users, the computer program comprising:

- (a) a code segment that provides a site server comprising a membership directory component with directory information stored thereon including preferences, roles, and

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details identifying the users, wherein the details of the users include a user name and a legal name;

(b) a code segment that provides a database separate from the membership directory component of the site server, the database having table information stored in a plurality of database tables, including preferences, roles, and details identifying the users, wherein the details of the users include a user name and a legal name, wherein the preferences include a currency in which monetary values are displayed and a language in which text is displayed, and wherein the roles relating to the users include a customer, a manager, and an employee;

(c) a code segment that authenticates an identity of one of the users with an active server page, for determining whether the user is a site server user or a regular web site user;

(d) a code segment that provides a single interface framework of components which provides user information access by both site server users and regular web site users upon authentication of the identity of the user;

(e) a code segment that allows site server users to view and change the information identifying the user that is stored on the membership directory component of the site server; and

(f) a code segment that allows regular web site users to view and change the information identifying the user that is stored on the plurality of database tables in the database.

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12. (Original) A computer program as recited in claim 11, wherein the identity of the user is authenticated by at least one of verifying a user name and a password, a secure sockets layer (SSL) certificate, and a log-in form.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)